States to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee promotes and supports athletic activities; and

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee assists organizations and persons concerned with the development of athletic programs for able-bodied and disabled athletes regardless of age, race, or gender;

Whereas the United States Olympic Committee protects the opportunity of each athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, and official to participate in athletic competition;

Whereas athletes representing the United States at the Olympic Games have achieved great success personally and for the Nation;

Whereas thousands of men and women of the United States are focusing their energy and skill on becoming part of the United States Olympic Team and aspire to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China;

Whereas the Nation takes great pride in the qualities of commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors exhibited by the athletes of the United States Olympic Team; and

Whereas June 23, 2007, is the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement, representing the date on which the Congress of Paris approved the proposal of Pierre de Coubertin to found the Modern Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the anniversary of the founding of the Modern Olympic Movement with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 186—DESIGNATING JUNE 5, 2007, AS “NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY” AND AUTHORIZING THE SENATE OFFICES OF SENATORS GORDON H. SMITH, BLANCHE L.林COLN, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Durbin, Mr. VITTER, Mr. Levin, Mrs. LEWIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas food insecurity and hunger are a fact of life for millions of low-income citizens of the United States and can produce physical, mental, and social impairments; Whereas the Department of Agriculture show that almost 38,200,000 people in the United States live in households experiencing hunger or food insecurity;

Whereas the problem of hunger and food insecurity can be found in rural, suburban, and urban portions of the United States, touching nearly every community of the Nation;

Whereas, although substantial progress has been made in reducing the incidence of hunger and food insecurity in the United States, certain groups remain vulnerable to hunger and the negative effects of food deprivation, including those living in poverty, the elderly, homeless people, children, migrant workers, and Native Americans;

Whereas the people of the United States have long traditions of providing food assistance to hungry people through acts of private generosity and public support programs;

Whereas the Federal Government provides essential nutritional support to millions of low-income people through numerous Federal food assistance programs, including—

(1) the Federal food stamp program, as established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);

(2) the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), the special supplemental program for women, infants, and children (WIC) established under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), and other child nutrition programs; and

(3) food donation programs;

Whereas the United States Olympic Team and aspire to compete internationally in the Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 5, 2007, as “National Hunger Awareness Day”;

(2) calls on the people of the United States to observe National Hunger Awareness Day—

(A) with appropriate ceremonies, volunteer activities, and local anti-hunger advocacy efforts and hunger relief charities, including food banks, food rescue organizations, food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency meal programs; and

(B) by continuing to support programs and public policies that reduce hunger and food insecurity in the United States; and

(3) authorizes the offices of Senators Gordon H. Smith, Blanche L. Lincoln, Elizabeth Dole, and Richard J. Durbin to collect donations of food during the period beginning May 7, 2007, and ending June 5, 2007, from concerned Members of Congress and staff to assist families suffering from hunger and food insecurity in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

SENATE RESOLUTION 187—CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN ESTONIA AND ATTACKS ON ESTONIA’S EMBASSIES IN 2007, AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF ESTONIA

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, and Ms. MIKULSKY) submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 187

Whereas, on April 27, 2007, the Bronze Soldier monument in central Tallinn was moved to a prominent location in the Garrison Military Cemetery as a result of a decision by the Government of Estonia to respect its obligations to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, done at Vienna April 18, 1961, and end the blockade of the Embassy of Estonia in Moscow; and

Whereas the Embassy of Estonia in Russia has been closed since April 27, 2007, and Estonia has suspended consular services to Moscow and good cooperation for Embassy officials; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) it is the sense of the Senate that the Soviet Union’s brutal, decades-long occupation of Estonia was illegal, illegitimate, and unilaterally imposed; and

(2) the United States Senate urges the Government of Estonia to respect its obligations to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, done at Vienna April 18, 1961, and end the blockade of the Embassy of Estonia in Moscow; and

(3) the United States Senate expresses its support for the people of Estonia who have struggled for their freedom for more than two decades.